

Central Intelligence Agency



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Mr. Richard M. Hadsell
Regional Administrator
General Services Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20407

Dear Mr. Hadsell:

We have recently learned of the death of Miss Margaret Scattergood who held a "life" estate on approximately 39 acres of land (one parcel of 32.220 acres and a second parcel of 6.811 acres) adjacent to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) compound in Langley. It is our understanding that, under the terms of an agreement in 1947 which stated Miss Scattergood's right of use and occupancy of the property, the U. S. Government will now take possession of the entire site.

As the General Services Administration (GSA) records will indicate, the CIA has repeatedly expressed an operational need for this property. Most recently, in our letter to the Regional Administrator, National Capital Region, dated 10 January 1985, we explained that the Scattergood-Thorne tract was an integral part of the Agency's Master Development Plan which was prepared and submitted in conjunction with GSA, and approved by the National Capital Planning Commission in 1981. Phase I of the Master Plan is the expansion of the present Headquarters Complex which is now in progress. Phase II is the development of the Scattergood-Thorne tract which will fulfill increasing space requirements for operational activities.

In addition to meeting our needs for operational space, the necessity for establishing an adequate buffer zone between the Headquarters Compound and property accessible to the general public is of paramount importance to the security of the Agency's mission. Several years ago, the Agency acquired three tracts of land to serve as a protective buffer on the eastern side of our compound. The Federal Highway Administration land on the northwest has minimized the possibility of penetration from that side, and the addition of the Scattergood-Thorne land would substantially reduce the Agency's vulnerability to physical or technical surveillance. The CIA requirement for the Scattergood-Thorne tract of land remains valid. We therefore request assignment of the property to this Agency immediately to enhance our security posture. If you require any additional information, please have your representative contact [redacted] of the Real Estate and Construction Division, Office of Logistics, on [redacted]

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We appreciate your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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